



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 21st, 2016

7:00 P.M.

• **6:30 pm – Finance & Administration Committee Meeting**

*Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

*Attending:*

*Mayor Ryder*

*Councilor Sirois*

*Councilor McPike*

*Councilor Marble*

*Councilor Cormier*

*Councilor McAvoy*

*Town Manager Angus Jennings*

*Town Clerk Paula Scott*

*Members of the Public*

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. CONSENT AGENDA – *Councilor McAvoy made a motion, seconded by Councilor McPike, to accept the consent agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.*

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- a. November 14th, 2016 Council Meeting minutes

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Victualer's License Renewal for Angelo's  
b. Victualer's License Renewal for Hannaford Bros.

4. REPORTS

- a. Planning & Development Committee Minutes – None  
b. Finance & Administration Minutes – None  
c. Infrastructure Committee Minutes – None  
d. Services Committee Minutes – None

**NOTE: The Council will take a 5-minute recess at 8:00 pm.**

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS - *None*

D. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS – *None*

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - *None*

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS –

- a. Town Council confirmation of Town Manager’s appointment of Tax Collector and General Assistance Administrator (with responsibilities including Motor Vehicle Agent and Deputy Town Clerk), pursuant to Town Charter Sec. 301 – *Manager Jennings summarized that the Town had 19 applicants for the position. At the conclusion of the interview process, Barbara Geaghan of Waterville was chosen as the successful candidate. She has extensive experience that fits our needs and her references revealed the quality of her work. Councilor Marble made a motion to confirm the appointment of Barbara Geaghan as recommended by Manager Jennings. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sirois. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- b. Appointment of Joseph Bethony to the Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees – *referral from Services Committee - Councilor Marble stated that Mr. Bethony has had an historic involvement with the pool. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to appoint Joseph Bethony to the Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sirois. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- c. Appointment of Jennifer Lowe to the Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees – *referral from Services Committee –. Councilor McAvoy made a motion to nominate Jennifer Lowe to the Lura Hoit Pool Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sirois. Unanimous vote in favor.*

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None.*

5. NEW BUSINESS

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- a. Contract award and request for authorization of up to \$10,000 in funding from the Recreation Reserve fund for topographic survey of Lura Hoit Pool and Municipal Building site – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Councilor Sirois reported that committee members agreed to award the contract to C.E.S. He then made a motion to award the contract to C.E.S. for up to \$10,000 from the Recreation Reserve fund for the topographical survey at the Lura Hoit Pool and Municipal site. Motion was seconded by Councilor Marble. Councilor Marble reminded the public that this goes back to a long time consideration of possible additional fields and parking on municipally owned property and that it has gone through a number of committees to get to this point. Discussion ceased and the motion was brought to vote. Councilors Marble, McPike, Sirois and Mayor Ryder voted in favor. Councilors McAvoy and Cormier voted in opposition. Motion carries.*
- b. Contract award and request for authorization of up to \$15,000 in funding from the Emera TIF fund for electrical repairs to Town Center lights – *referral from Finance & Administration Committee – Mayor Ryder explained that due to the fact that both bids received came in over the funding allocation this item would be tabled. The clerk asked for a motion to table. Councilor Sirois made a motion to table the contract award and request for funding from the Emera TIF fund for repairs to the Town Center lights. Councilor Marble seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- c. Request for authorization of \$20,978.40 in funding from the Public Works Equipment reserve fund for the purpose of paying the first of (5) five lease payments – *referral from Infrastructure Committee – Councilor Marble explained that this was discussed during the budget process as well as during committee and made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$20,978.40 from the Public Works Equipment reserve to pay for the first lease payment on the public works front loader. Councilor Sirois seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- d. Request for authorization for up to \$2,975.00 in funding from the IT Reserve account for the purpose of website redesign – *referral from Services Committee – Councilor McAvoy made a motion to approve up to \$2,975.00 in IT Reserve funds for the purpose of paying for website re-design. Councilor Sirois seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.*

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- e. Request for Council referral to Public Hearing the proposed repeal of the Town of Hampden Tree Ordinance – *referral from Services Committee – Councilor McAvoy made a motion to refer the proposed repeal of the Tree Ordinance to public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- f. Request for Council referral to Public Hearing the proposed repeal of the Town of Hampden Yard Sale Ordinance – *referral from Planning & Development – Councilor McPike made a motion to refer the proposed repeal of the Yard Sale Ordinance to public hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilor Marble. Unanimous vote in favor.*
- g. Approval of a renewal liquor license application for ATC Tennis Center, located at 60 Mecaw Rd., owned and operated by Dean Armstrong – *Councilor Sirois made a motion to approve the renewal liquor license application for ATC Tennis Center. Councilor McAvoy seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.*

## e. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Administration – *Councilor Sirois reported that all items discussed in committee were discussed on this agenda.*

Planning & Development – *Councilor McPike reported that they met on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the MRC/Fiberight water situation. This will be an on-going discussion. Committee members discussed the Business Park TIF and the market study. Manager Jennings has selected a consultant. Discussed the yard sale ordinance and possible repeal. Ballot question 1, recreational use of marijuana has been a topic of discussion, however it will be in rule making for about 9 months so there is time to plan how this will fit Hampden. The topic of home occupations was also discussed.*

Infrastructure – *Councilor Marble reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm*

Services – *Councilor McAvoy reported that all items discuss in committee were handled earlier this evening.*

- f. MANAGER'S REPORT – *Manager Jennings recapped the information from his last report. He informed the public that the 3 local ballots passed and discussed the impact the state referendums will have on the Town of Hampden, namely the increase in minimum wage on the recreation department.*

## g. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

Councilor Sirois – *No comment*

Councilor McAvoy - *Reminded everyone to shop local and buy American*

Councilor Marble – *Extended wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels*

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Councilor McPike – Stated that last Tuesday he was accepted onto a committee for Penobscot County. He has never been involved at the county level. He wanted to say how enlightening it has been. He feels that our county is run extremely well. He reported that there was a lot of discussion regarding the jail and the fact it is over capacity, and the commissioners are working hard on this issue. He stated he has high regard for the commissioners.

Councilor Cormier – No comment

Mayor Ryder – Also extended wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes that everyone will have the opportunity to spend time with friends and family.

- h. ADJOURNMENT – At 7:20 p.m. Councilor Sirois made a motion to adjourn. Councilor McAvoy seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Paula A. Scott, CCM  
Town Clerk*